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BEEF PRODUCTION PAYMENTS OFFERED

More beef production at stabilized consumer prices is the purpose of the direct beef payment to producers, according to A. D. Woofter, of the State AAA Committee. The new subsidy program offers production payments of 50 cents a hundredweight to eligible producers of good and choice cattle weighing 800 pounds or more. The payments will be made through county AAA offices.

"Producers must save evidence of sale," Mr. Woofter said. To be eligible for the payments, producers must own and feed the cattle for at least 30 days prior to sale for slaughter and must sell them to licensed slaughterers. Cattle must grade A or AA.

Feeders have also been assured that they will be given at least six months' notice of any revision in the overriding ceiling prices or the maximum stabilization ranges for beef, except bulls.

Other changes in the meat program include raising the regular subsidy to processing and non-processing slaughterers on all grades of cattle by 25 cents beginning June 4; reducing the additional subsidy of 80 cents a hundredweight paid non-processing slaughterers to 40 cents starting June 5; and increasing the pork subsidy to packers from $1.30 to $1.70, retroactive to April 1 and subject to upward or downward adjustments.

FARMERS MAY GET MORE MACHINERY

The War Production Board has given farm machinery manufacturers the green light for increased production. Production quota limitations will be lifted on July 1.

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MANURE DOUBLES PRODUCTION

J. R. Mahaffey, farmer-cooperator of the Roosevelt Soil Conservation District, has increased his yield of sweet potatoes by 260 bushels an acre through manure spreading. Last year, after applying $23 worth of namure to the acre, he found that one field produced 460 bushels of sweet potatoes to the acre as compared with an average production of 200 bushels from adjacent land that had not been manured.

Rotating his crops, leaving crop residues on the land, and watering as soon as possible after harvest were also given by Mr. Mahaffey as reasons for his success in rehabilitating his farm.

FATS CAMPAIGN GETS RESULTS

New Mexico housewives have stepped up the used kitchen fats campaign, according to Gordon Wood, WFA district representative, who says that fat collections in March were 30 per cent larger than during the same month last year.

"We're attempting to place empty carbide drums with retail meat dealers to facilitate fat storage," Mr. Wood says. "The drums are proving staisfactory in Albuquerque, and now we're hoping to extend this system all over the state."

AAA GETS A REST ON TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

After June 30, OPA and the Office of Defense Transportation will handle their programs without assistance from AAA committees, County Chairman _____ said today.

"This means that the county AAA office will no longer have any responsibilities for work on applications for truck tires, tractor tires for replacement and conversion, new trucks, and off-highway gasoline," he said.

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HEAVY PORKERS ELIGIBLE FOR PRICE SUPPORT

To stimulate increased production of fall pigs, the War Food Administrator has removed the 300-pound limit on the weight of hogs for which support prices are effective. Until September 1, 1946, prices will be supported for all good and choice barrow and gilt butcher hogs, regardless of weight. The support price is now $13 a hundredweight, Chicago basis.

BUYERS OF CLUB CATTLE GET OPA'S OKAY

Purchasers of 4-H and other "club" livestock who don't have slaughter quotas established under OPA's slaughter control and meat distribution program may apply to the agency for authorization to have the animals custom-slaughtered for sale or transfer.

The action is intended to prevent the hampering of sales of livestock raised by members of 4-H clubs, Future Farmers of America, and similar youth organizations.

RESEEDING GOES AHEAD

The purchase of six thousand pounds of grass seed by the Northeastern Soil Conservation District for distribution among farmers is the latest step in the district's program to reseed 100,000 acres of abandoned farm land in Union County. Seed purchases now total 16,000 pounds.

FOOD PRODUCTION MAY DROP

In its first official forecast of 1945 food production, the Department of Agriculture estimates that total U. S. food production this year will be about five per cent less than last year's record. Decreased meat slaughter is expected to be largely responsible for the drop.

"Our people will have a more than adequate diet," a USDA spokesman said, "but they can't expect to eat what they want when they want it."

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COTTON MEN STUDY COMMITTEE PROPOSALS

A program designed to keep King cotton near the throne has been presented to an advisory group of farmers, agricultural officials, and trade representatives by Chairman Stephen Pace of the House sub-committee on agriculture.

Among other things, the program proposes a continuation of the present purchase, loan, and export program for the time being, a greatly expanded soil conservation and soil-building program, improvement of cotton quality through a nation-wide system of one-variety production, and adoption of improved production, marketing, and distribution methods.

If cotton is to compete successfully with synthetic fibers, the Pace committee believes extensive research to develop new uses of cotton will be necessary.

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USDA RESEARCH EXPERTS ARE EXPERIMENTING WITH A PROCESS FOR making motor fuels from farm wastes. Results indicate that from 90 to 95 gallons of liquid motor fuel can be obtained from a ton of corncobs or cottonseed hulls.

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ALLOCATIONS OF POTASH FOR INDUSTRIAL USE ARE TO BE CUT ABOUT ten per cent to make more potash available to agriculture, WPB reports.

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